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REMARKS

Consideration of the amendments to the application is respectfully requested. The amendments are made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121. No new matter has been entered.

Status of Claims

Claims 21-37 are pending in this application.

Claim 1-20 have been cancelled.

Claims 21-37 have been added

Claims

**Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by
Pan (US Patent No. 6,304,764)**

Regarding paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 1-20 as being anticipated by Pan (US Patent No. 6,304,764). Claims 1-20 have been cancelled. Claims 21-37 have been added to better claim Applicant's invention.

Applicant's Invention

Applicant's device serves to allow a driver or user to use a mobile telephone hands-free and utilizes an audio speaker such as those found in a vehicle. Applicant's device includes an amplifier to amplify the signals received by the mobile telephone and transmits the amplified signals through a power source outlet such as a vehicle's cigarette lighter to a vehicle amplifier for broadcast over a vehicle audio speaker. In that regard, the claim 21 states

a second connector coupled to the second end which is configured to couple to a vehicle power source outlet, the second connector transmits the amplified signal through the vehicle power source outlet to a vehicle amplifier for broadcast over a vehicle audio speaker thereby enabling a driver to hear the received signal without having to hold the mobile telephone.

While Pan is also directed to a device for hands-free operation of a mobile telephone, the device of Pan functions differently. In Pan, the connector coupled to the power source outlet only receives the power from the vehicle for powering the device and does not also transmit an amplified signal through such outlet.

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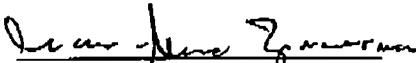
Claim 30 is similar to Claim 21. Thus, the remarks set forth above in relation to Claim 21 equally apply to Claim 30.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, new Claims 21 and 30 are allowable over the Pan and the corresponding rejection under 35 USC 102(e) should be withdrawn. Since Claims 22-29 and 31-37 depend from independent Claims 21 and 30, respectively, then for the same reasons set forth above with regard to Claim 21 and 30, these dependent claims are also allowable over Pan and the corresponding rejection under 35 USC 102(e) should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, the Applicant believes that they have overcome all of the examiner's basis for rejection, and that this application therefore stands in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner is of the opinion that such action can not be taken, the Applicant requests that he contact their undersigned attorney at (908) 654-8000 in order to resolve any outstanding issues without the necessity of issuing another Office Action.

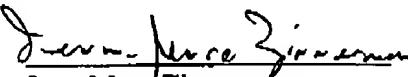
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I hereby certify that on July 9, 2004, I caused an Amendment for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/904,309 to be mailed by first class mail to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


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